

**METHOD OF HYDROFORMING ARTICLES  
AND THE ARTICLES FORMED THEREBY**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           A hydroformable frame element is formed from the combination of at least two  
elements. The at least two elements are designed with a partially overlapping region, with  
an annular space defined within the overlapping region. The annular space is filled with  
adhesive, which is then cured to bond the at least two elements together. The adhesive  
bond is designed to withstand the stresses caused by the hydroforming operation and to  
10 retain its strength so that the hydroformed article is then usable as a vehicular frame  
element.